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1. The 23rd Tank Regiment is stationed in Oschatz. The other regiments of the 9th Tank Division are located in Meissen, Riesa, Zeithain.
 2. No new major units have been brought into Germany from the USSR, but a new artillery brigade, with weapons of various calibers, was formed in Meissen as part of the First Guards Mecz Army in Sep 50 when an AAA Regiment was formed in Koenigsbruck.
 - I do not know [redacted]
 3. The 12th Guards Mecz Division is at Brest-Litovsk.
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5. The 9th Tank Division has not gone on any maneuvers or problems at Plauen. Throughout the year, it has gone to Koenigsbruk for firing and training. Moves to Koenigsbruck are by rail and truck and constitute training in themselves. No warning order is given and the movement order requires immediate compliance. At present, the entire 9th Tank Division is located in the Koenigsbruck Maneuver Area along with the rest of the First Guards Mecz Army. Seventy men of the 23rd Tank Regiment are left in the winter kasernes as a housekeeping detachment when the regiment moves to Koenigsbruck.
6. Recruits from the USSR were last received by the 23rd Tank Regiment in the Fall of 1950.
7. Members of the 1927 Class are being sent home from Germany for demobilization. [redacted] This demobilization includes all members of the class, both privates and NCO's. Replacements for these men are expected in the future.
8. In the USSR, classes were previously inducted at age 22, but are now being inducted at age 18. In the Fall of 1950, recruits for the 23rd Tank Regiment were from the Belodgo (phonetic) Oblast.
9. Present strength of a Tank Battalion is 18 T-34 tanks and something over 90 men; five men per tank, plus a few headquarters personnel. Strength of the 23rd Tank Regiment is 68 officers and 700 men. Strength of the 9th Tank Division is 12,000.

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10. The 23rd Tank Regiment is equipped with T-34 tanks, some of which mount 122mm guns and others mounting 85's. It also has JSU-152's and SU-100's. Trucks include 48 US trucks and 18 ZIS-5's. ZIS-151's are not used by Soviet troops in Germany, but would be in the event of combat. No armored personnel carriers are used. The Regiment has 100% T/E equipment. Many tanks and trucks are ordinarily kept in dead storage, but these vehicles and weapons do accompany the Regiment to Koenigsbruck.
11. The 9th Tank Division includes eight regiments of all types. One of these is an artillery regiment.
12. When the 23rd Tank Regiment moves to Koenigsbruck, it maintains a three-day supply of rations on trucks, plus an undetermined amount of ammunition. It is not necessary to return to winter kasernes for any supplies when the regiment is in the training area. Some supplies come from the USSR and others are procured in Germany.

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